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FOR MARESCA, GENEVA FOR SIEVERTS

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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR VIETNAMESE CIL VISIT

REF: PARIS 20556

1. MARESCA SHOULD PASS TO THE SRV LIAISON OFFICER THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR VIETNAMESE MIA EXPERT VISIT. MARESCA SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT TIMING AND CONTENT OF THIS PROGRAM ARE NOT RPT NOT FIRM AND THAT WE ARE PROVIDING TENTATIVE OUTLINE IN ORDER TO GIVE VIETNAMESE TEAM SENSE OF HOW THEIR VISIT WILL BE HANDLED.

2. HOUSING: ALL SIX MEMBERS OF TEAM WILL BE HOUSED TOGETHER IN OFFICIAL USG RESIDENCE ON EITHER HICKHAM AFB OR U.S. NAVAL BASE. EATING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE RESIDENCE, BUT AMERICAN HOSTS HOPE THAT SRV TEAM WILL JOIN
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THEM FOR SEVERAL MEALS.

3. (A) PROGRAM: JULY 11; FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE ARE ASSUMING ARRIVAL BEFORE NOON TUESDAY, JULY 11. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL, TEAM WILL MEET WITH SIEVERTS AND BROWN TO DISCUSS ON DETAILS OF SCHEDULE. AFTERNOON AND EVENING WILL BE FREE TO ALLOW VIETNAMESE GUESTS TO RECUPERATE FROM TRIP.

SIEVERTS AND BROWN WILL OF COURSE BE AVAILABLE.

(B) MORNING JULY 12: BRIEFING AT JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (BARBER'S POINT, APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN HONOLULU) TO DESCRIBE MISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF JCRC. WORKING LUNCH. AFTERNOON: INITIAL BRIEFINGS AT CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY (DOWNTOWN HONOLULU) ON OPERATION OF CIL. EVENING: INFORMAL DINNER HOSTED BY SIEVERTS AND BROWN.

(C) JULY 13: ENTIRE DAY WILL BE SPENT AT CIL IN DETAILED EXAMINATION OF IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES. IF TIME PERMITS, THERE WILL BE TOUR OF HONOLULU AREA. EVENING FREE.

(D) JULY 14: MORNING: CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS AT CIL. AFTERNOON: DEPENDING ON DEPARTURE TIME OF VIETNAMESE TEAM AND WORK REMAINING AT CIL, OPPORTUNITY WILL BE OFFERED FOR SIGHTSEEING AROUND ISLAND.

4. ALL BRIEFINGS AND FORMAL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE. THERE WILL BE VIETNAMESE TEXTS AVAILABLE. WE WILL HAVE TWO FLUENT VIETNAMESE SPEAKERS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS: WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE MEDIA INTEREST IN VISIT. JOHN CANNON, WHO ACCOMPANIED US TEAM TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DECEMBER 1977 PARIS NEGOTIATIONS, WILL SERVE AS U.S. TEAM'S PRESS SPOKESMAN AND COORDINATOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS. VISIT WILL BE HANDLED AS WORKING LEVEL, TECHNICAL MEETING. SOCIAL AND PROTOCOL ASPECTS WILL BE DELIBERATELY LOW-KEY AND AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

6. WE WOULD WELCOME VIETNAMESE SUGGESTIONS ON ABOVE OUTLINE, AS WELL AS TRAVEL OPTIONS PROVIDED EARLIER. VANCE

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